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SUBJ: ETHIOPIA AND CUBA ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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1. ETHIOPIAN MEDIA ANNOUNCED THAT THE THREE-MAN CUBAN DEL, LED BY LOUIS REYES, CUBAN AMB TO IRAN (CF REFTTEL), AND EPMG OFFICIALS SIGNED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON JULY 18 ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

DURING ITS STAY IN ADDIS THE DEL MET WITH PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) VICE CHAIRMEN, MAJ MENGESTU HAILE-MARIAM

AND LTCOL ATNAFU ABATE, LIJ MICHAEL IMRU, CHIEF POLITICAL ADVISOR TO THE PMAC, FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

2. IN A STATEMENT, REYES SAID THAT THE CUBAN PEOPLE ADMIRE THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND THAT "THE HISTORIC VICTORY OF THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE CAN SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO AFRICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD".

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HE ADDED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL HAVE

SIGNIFICANCE BOTH IN CUBA AND OTHER PARTS OF LATIN AMERICA.

3. MAJ MENGISTU REPLIED THAT CUBA AND ETHIOPIA "FOLLOW SIMILAR OBJECTIVES" AND "THERE IS A LOT ETHIOPIA CAN BENEFIT FROM YOUR (CUBAN) EXPERIENCE." REST OF MENGISTU'S STATEMENT AND ANOTHER MADE BY FONMIN KIFLE CONTAINED LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE.
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